

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

- 1-44. (Cancelled).
45. (New) A color-changing matrix comprising a mixture of a water-insoluble polymer, a water-soluble polymer, and water-leachable colorant that leaches from the matrix when the matrix is exposed to water to provide a change in color.
46. (New) The color-changing matrix of claim 45 wherein the water-soluble polymer comprises polyethylene oxide.
47. (New) The color-changing matrix of claim 46 wherein said water-insoluble resin is selected from the group consisting of polystyrene, polyurethane, ethylene vinyl acetate, polyethylene, styrene/rubber and ethylene/propylene.
48. (New) The color-changing matrix of claim 45, 46 or 47 additionally comprising an antimicrobial agent.
49. (New) The color-changing matrix of claim 48 adapted to leach colorant corresponding with the depletion of said antimicrobial agent.
50. (New) A method of indicating wear comprising providing a color-changing matrix according to claim 45, and repeatedly contacting said matrix with water to cause said matrix to change color.